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## BOARD DISAGREES WITH SECRETARY

### Claim That Too Much Credit Has Been Given the Submarine

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful armament by any other nation of the world." In the opinion of the General Board, whose annual report, signed by Admiral George Dewey, was made public today.

This declaration was made by the General Board in response to a request by Secretary Daniels for an opinion "as to what the navy must be in the future in order to stand upon an equality with the most efficient and

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## Useful Gifts For All the Family

CARPET SWEEPERS      FOOD CHOPPERS  
VACUUM CLEANERS      BREAD MIXERS  
BATH ROOM FITTINGS      FIRELESS COOKERS  
CARVING SETS      A GLENWOOD RANGE  
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CASSEROLES      TEA BALL POTS  
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FIREPLACE FITTINGS      LEMONADE SHAKERS  
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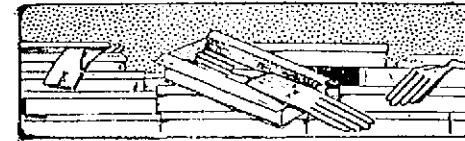
### Dolls and Toys



Dolls' Trunks, 50c to \$1.25; Among our Christmas stock you will find the latest games—*Pollyanna*, 98c; *King Pin*, \$1.00; *Lucky Strike*, \$2.00. One of the newest war games, *Slam Bang*, 50c. Mechanical Toys, 5c, 10c, 25c to \$1.00; Electric Trains, \$3.50; Ives' Toys, Mechanical Train Sets.....\$1.00 to \$5.00 ERECTORS—The toys that teach; the only construction toys with girders like structural steel.....50c to \$5.00

### Handkerchiefs for Correct Christmas Gifts

for men and women....12½c, 25c, 50c Hemmed and Initial Linen Handkerchiefs  
Ladies' Lace and Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs.....12½c to \$1.00  
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 2 in Christmas folde'.....19c  
Children's Handkerchiefs, initial and plain, 3 in a box.....19c and 25c



12- and 16-Button Glace Kid Gloves for the ladies.....\$1.00 and \$1.50 pr.  
Washable Chevrette Gloves, putty, pearl and the new champagne color, \$1.50 pr.  
Children's Cape Tan Gloves.....\$3.00 and \$3.50  
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## MANY HURT IN FACTORY EXPLOSION

No Report of Its Being Caused by Anti-Germans.

(Special to The Herald)

Watertown, N. J., Dec. 21—Two men are missing and twenty-five others were injured as the result of an explosion in the Dextreng plant of the Corn Product Company at Shady Side, two miles from here this morning. The roof of the building was blown off and the walls collapsed.

## PLottERS ROUNDED UP

Government Agents Now Know All and Every Man Is Watched—Now Up to President.

(Special to The Herald)

Washington, Dec. 21—The anti-neutrality of Austro-German sympathizers is absolutely under control. Government agents now are in possession of all of the facts of the nation-wide conspiracy, which had threatened to spread devastation and death through the country. Every person concerned, even the men higher up, is under surveillance. Whether all will be arrested is for Attorney General Gregory, Sec. Lansing and President Wilson to decide. The facts now are before them and officials declare that there is no longer fear that any extensive damage will be done by the plotters.

## TURKEY CONFIRMS WITHDRAWAL

Allies Leave a Part of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

(Special to The Herald)

Constantinople, Dec. 21—The Turkish war office announced today that the Allies have withdrawn from the Suda and Anzio front on the Gallipoli, because of the terrific attacks launched by the Ottoman forces along the line.

## TWO FIREMEN KILLED AND TWO INJURED

### In Factory Fire in Boston This Morning —Fire Believed to Have Been Set

(Special to The Herald)

Boston, Dec. 21—Hosemen Charles C. Willett and Dennis A. Walsh of Engine 10 were crushed to death and Heseman William J. McCarthy was seriously injured in fighting a three alarm fire, believed to have been set in the three story brick structure known as the old British-Jones factory on Cambridge street, near Charles in the west end early today. Ladderman William J. Cornell of Ladder 8, slipped on an icy ladder rung and fell to the sidewalk suffering concussion of the brain. The death of Willett and Walsh and the injuries to McCarthy came when the machine faded fourth floor,

crushed down to the first floor where several men of Engine 10 were working and carried the year of the third floor down in a horrible mass of twisted metal and flaming timbers. Four of the seven jumped to the front windows and safety. Willett, Walsh and McCarthy dashed to the rear, seeking the fire escape, but were caught in the jam. An investigation has been started to see if the fire was set. The first firemen who entered the building reported that there were three distinct fires on three floors. A. F. Gerrish told the police he saw a man leaving the factory before the fire was discovered. The loss is \$25,000.

## ENGLAND ASKS FOR MILLION MORE MEN

Premier Asquith Says Now 2,500,000 in Training.

(Special to The Herald)

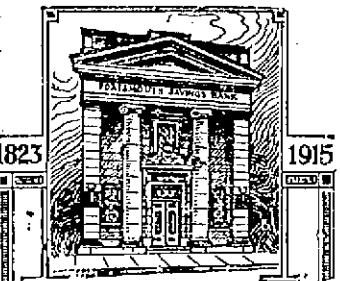
London, Dec. 21—Premier Asquith in the House of Commons today asked for one million more men for the British army. This would bring the total in the field to 2,250,000. The demand was in the form of a motion for the passage of the government bill calling one million more men to the colors immediately. In making the motion the premier declared that the government aims to get every man of military age who is physically qualified to serve in the field. "The wastage of men is enormous," declared the premier, "at the present time there are 2,500,000 in training and on the volunteer list waiting to be called into service." The withdrawal of the allied forces from the Gallipoli peninsula was advised by Lord Kitchener, the war secretary, after his return from the near east.

## FRANCE REPORTS QUIET ALONG FRONT

No Mention Made of German Effort to Reach Calais.

(Special to The Herald)

Paris, Dec. 21—The violent artillery duel which has been raging in Artois north and south of Arras, has dimin-



### YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

If you are in any doubt regarding the most practical, acceptable Christmas gift, you can make no mistake by opening a Savings Account of one dollar or more for the benefit of the person you wish to remember.

A Savings Account as a Christmas present is especially suitable for children. Come in and talk it over with us.

PORTSMOUTH  
SAVINGS BANK  
THE OLDEST AND LARGEST  
BANK IN PORTSMOUTH

## USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

They were the best gifts last year, they will be the best this year, and for all years to come. Something to wear makes the ideal Christmas gift.

## FURS

Make delightful acceptable gifts, and they are so appropriate. Cold weather demands warm clothes and nothing gives more comfort than furs. We have a splendid lot of neck pieces, pillow muffs, and coats to choose from and at many prices.

MUFFS FROM \$2.00 TO \$25.00

SCARFS FROM \$2.00 TO \$25.00

FUR COATS FROM \$35.00 TO \$100.00

Sweaters, Children's Coats, Kimonos, Bath Robes, Waists and Dresses, of all kinds, for every purpose.

At our store you are sure to choose just what she would like best.

## The White Store

60 Market Street, Portsmouth, N. H.

## FORD WILL STAY TILL WAR IS OVER

## VARNA UNDER RUSSIAN FIRE

Undismayed by Hostile Reception, He Will Fight Along the Old Lines for Peace.

(Special to The Herald)

London, Dec. 21—The destruction of three more British ships by German submarines was announced today. They are the steamers *Belford*, *Huntley* and *Ophelia*. There are two ships named *Belford* listed in Lloyd's register, one of 3218 and the other 516 tons. The *Huntley* is not listed. The *Ophelia* was formerly a German merchant ship which was captured and taken into Yarmouth and fitted out.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for Portsmouth and vicinity—Fair tonight and probably Wednesday.

Sun Rises.....	7.09
Sun Sets.....	4.15
Length of Day.....	9.06
High Tide.....	12.03 am, 12.42 pm
Moon Rises.....	4.10 pm
Light Automobile Lamps at.....	4.45 pm

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS AT CATER'S MARKET, 37 DANIEL ST.  
Fresh killed turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens. It is always our aim to have the very best poultry in the market. New nuts, all kinds; candies, raisins, figs, grape fruit and oranges. Xmas ribbon candy, 2 lb. boxes only. 25¢; cut rock Xmas candy, the pure kind, only 12¢ lb.; in fact, everything for a fine Xmas dinner at a reasonable price can be found at Cater's Market.

## RING SALE

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

19c  
EACH

## Only Three Days Left--Buy Now

Father or brother would like an Umbrella, a Shaving Set, Military Brushes, a Tie, Books, or one of the many combination sets we can show you.

Mother, Sister or "Her" would like Gloves, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Umbrella, Bag, Pocketbook, Apron, Bath Robe, Furs, or one of the many things we can suggest if you just take a walk through our store.

L. E. Staples, Market St.

# STATE GRANGE IN SESSION IN KEENE

**Big Gathering of Delegates  
Expected—Gov. Spaulding  
Present.**

The 42d annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange opened today at Keene and there is every prospect of a large convention. The program is of special interest and many well known speakers are to be heard. Governor Spaulding will attend.

The convention was preceded by an informal reception on Monday evening, tendered the officers and delegates by the city of Keene, commercial club and the local granges.

A literary and musical program was rendered which was very fine.

The annual report of the master of the state organization, an address in which all the Grange activities of the year were summed up and the policies of the master were outlined, was given at the afternoon session today, the opening session in the morning being given up to the usual preliminary business.

This evening there will be an open meeting to which the general public is invited. Governor Spaulding is scheduled to speak at this time and there will also be an address by the lecturer of the national grange, and one by a representative of the good roads bureau in Washington.

The election of officers will take place on Wednesday. The meeting will close on Thursday, when there will be both morning and afternoon sessions.

## KITTERY

The young people of the Epworth and Philathetic clubs enjoyed a social on Monday evening in the vestry of the Second Christian church. A short program was given after which various games and music were enjoyed. Treatments of hot coco, assorted cake and candy were served. During the evening Clarence L. Moody, in behalf of the members of the Harriet club presented Rev. C. J. Yerminis a beautiful gold handled pen knife, studded with a rose diamond, as a token of their high

esteem of him. Although greatly surprised, Rev. Mr. Yerminis accepted the gift in a few well chosen words. Mrs. Yerminis was then presented a handsome gold bat valentine chain by Miss V. May Moody in behalf of the members of the Philathetic club.

The regular prayer meeting will be held this evening at the Second Methodist church. Rev. William M. Farnsworth will give an address on "The Seven Kinds of Givers." A business meeting of the Epworth League will be held following the prayer meeting. Miss Edith E. Goodrich of Rogers road left this afternoon for Portland, where she will attend the session of the New Hampshire Grange being held there. Trap Academy closed today for a week's vacation. It will reopen on

Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Mrs. A. C. Denney has returned from Manchester, N. H., and is to pass the winter with Mrs. Samuel E. Caswell of North Kittery.

Mrs. George Welch still remains very poorly at her home in North Kittery. Hon. and Mrs. Horace Mitchell are passing a few days in Portland.

Miss Virginia Maby, teacher at Trap Academy, left today to pass the Christmas recess at her home in Gorham, Me.

Mrs. John Adams of North Kittery is able to be out doors again after her recent illness.

Miss Irene Kramer is clerking at the local postoffice during the holidays.

Miss Edith Gerry of North Kittery has taken employment in Portsmouth

paying venture. New York, Boston and Pittsburgh have been mentioned, but they were not satisfied, with the result that their circuit stands have idle, and it is more than likely that none of them harm. Hamilton, Ont., an hour's ride from Toronto, has been in the National Hockey Association mentioned as the place where the circuit this year, the Shamrock franchise, the one which seems to be extra this season, is to be located being held on the table for the season, though there might be a triple schedule instead of double one. Picture shows a scene in an outdoor hockey game in Montreal.

during Christmas week.

Skating on the pond in Quoddy field at the junction is excellent, and the young folks are greatly enjoying it.

Mrs. Fred Abrams and children of Newson avenue passed Monday with relatives at Kittery Point.

Mrs. Rebekah E. Pueiard is critically ill at the home of her nephew, Raymond Pueiard, on Manson avenue.

## BOWLING

### Boat Shop League

In the Boat Shop League at the Arms Alley last evening Team No. 1 defeated Team No. 2 by taking four points in their matched game. Smart of Team No. 1 was high man with a total of 216, rolling 111 in his third for the high single string. Low was high on the losing team with 293, his first string of 102 being his best. The summary:

Team No. 1	Hershey	102	92	81	275
	Hubbard	81	71	85	240
	Phinnett	87	82	91	263
	Smart	99	103	114	316

Team No. 2	Hayes	91	86	82	262
	Davis	81	87	96	267
	Humphrey	86	80	83	248
	Low	102	91	97	293

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	365	347	358	1070

Commercial League

In the Commercial League game rolled between teams of the Consolidated Coal Company and the Knickerbockers, the C. C. C. took three points and the match, losing the third string by eight pins. Linchey was high with 290 for the winners, Dexter making 310 as the high total for the losers. Dexter hit them for 121 in his second string. The summary:

C. C. Co.	Humphrey	92	114	83	289
	Linchey	91	107	92	290
	Palmer	93	82	111	286

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Knickerbockers	Loman	92	86	87	265
	Dexter	90	123	87	310
	Quinn	81	84	120	255

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# A CLEARING HOUSE FOR CHARITY WORK

"Organized Charities of Portsmouth" Secure Charter Under State Laws and Should Do Much Needed Work in This City

At a meeting held in the Probate court room Monday afternoon the chartable association to be known as "The Organized Charities of Portsmouth" was formally organized, officers elected and a constitution adopted. This meeting held yesterday is the outcome of several meetings during the past month at which the great need of such an organization has been brought to the public notice.

The Organized Charities of Portsmouth, which is similar to the "Associated Charities" organizations so very successful in other cities, is intended as a "clearing house" for the charitable work in and about the city and is also a constructive agency, having as one of its principle aims the prevention of poverty in aiding people to help themselves. Its objects as set forth in the constitution adopted, are:

"To secure the concurrent and harmonious action of the different charities in Portsmouth, in order,

"To raise the needy above the need of relief, prevent begging and imposture and diminish pauperism.

"To encourage thrift, self-dependence and industry through the friendly intercourse, advice and sympathy, and to aid the poor to help themselves.

"To prevent children from growing up as paupers."

"To aid in the diffusion of knowledge on subjects connected with the relief of the poor.

"And to accomplish these objects, it is designed:

"1. To provide that the case of every applicant for relief shall be thoroughly investigated.

"2. To place the results of such in-

vestigation at the disposal of the overseers of the poor, of charitable societies and agencies, and of private persons of benevolence.

A meeting of the executive committee was held following the election of officers and the preliminary steps for financing the organization and starting the work were taken.

It is proposed to have a paid worker, who will keep a card index of all cases, which will be open to the heads of the various charitable organizations of the city as a guide in their work. The worker will investigate all cases, and direct the constructive work, securing employment for heads of families and in other ways give the poor such assistance as will enable them to help themselves.

A membership list will be started, and two types of membership are provided by the by-laws, sustaining members who pay \$1.00 a year and Patron members who constitute \$5.00 or more a year.

It is estimated that in the city of Portsmouth over \$20,000 is spent annually for the aid of the poor, and all agree that this is altogether too much, and that a great saving may be made by systematic methods. There are now a great many duplications and much unnecessary aid in some cases, and it has long been felt that there has been too little real constructive work, so that it has had a tendency to create paupers. It is hoped that with the new methods a big saving in money for the county and city especially will be effected and duplications will be a thing of the past.

4. To make all relief either by aids or charitable work, conditional upon good conduct and progress.

5. To send to each poor family, under the advice of the central council, a friendly visitor.

6. To hold public meetings and print papers for distribution."

A charter has been secured, the organization being incorporated under the state law.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. L. H. Thayer, D. D., who was chosen chairman and R. D. McDonough secretary.

The constitution and by laws were adopted and a nominating committee consisting of E. Curtis Matthews Jr., Dr. L. H. Thayer, Mrs. Mary L. Wood, Mrs. W. P. Stanley and Ernest L. Clancy brought in the following list of officers who were elected:

President, Charles J. Walker.

Vice Presidents, Rev. D. Alexander Sullivan, Mrs. Mary L. Wood, Ceylon Spofford, Ex officio County Commissioner Norman H. Beane, Overseer of the poor, Charles H. Culbath and the president of the Howard Benevolent Society.

Secretary, R. D. McDonough.

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## Responsibility of Voters.

A New York man who is advocating the short ballot, which means that fewer state officials should be elected and more appointed, gave a talk on the subject in Boston recently, and by way of illustrating how little attention most people pay to the details of government he asked his hearers to name the elective state officials and found that only 90 per cent. of them could name them all. "And this," he said, "is a typically intelligent Boston audience."

This incident would seem to show that there is not the interest in public affairs that there ought to be, but it does not necessarily follow that such is the case. To be able to name offhand all the principal officials of a state-is-one-thing; to know what is going on in the legislature and other departments of the state government is quite another. And there are doubtless many people in every other state as well as in Massachusetts who could not readily name all the state officials, and who are yet well informed regarding state affairs.

Whether the short ballot would constitute any material improvement over the present method of filling state offices is something to be ascertained. It is being advocated by enthusiasts who believe they have discovered a remedy for certain political evils, but it is only one of many proposed reforms. It tends toward centralization, which means taking power from the hands of the voters and placing it in the hands of officials, and it is perhaps to be questioned whether any substantial gain would come from such a change.

On the whole, if would seem that the people of the states could be trusted to make a suitable choice of officials in the future as they have in the past. If they are fit to elect the appointing power why are they not qualified to fill by ballot such offices as the short-ballot advocates would have filled by appointment?

As this newspaper has contended in the past, under a government by the people much more depends upon the people than upon the system. When the voters do their duty public

Some time ago, when the rates of the coal carrying railroads were officially "regulated," it was hoped and predicted that one result would be a drop in the price of coal, but it does not look now as if that hope was to be realized. Boston reports an advance of 25 cents a ton owing to a shortage in that city, and in some parts of Pennsylvania, the leading coal state, there has been a still greater advance because of a "threatened scarcity." It looks very much as if the day of cheap coal in this country had passed forever.

matters are apt to be fairly well handled under any system, but when they become indifferent things are bound to go wrong, regardless of the construction of the political machinery. This is a truth too evident to be questioned, consequently while the claims for the short ballot are entitled to a hearing, it might as well be recognized first as last that there is no panacea for our political ills. They must be removed, if at all, through constant watchfulness and conscientious action on the part of the voters.

The Massachusetts State Grange has volunteered to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in perpetuating Memorial Day from this time on. The Grand Army itself will soon be a thing of the past and to the Sons of Veterans will fall the duty of leading in the observance of Memorial Day, and the assistance of such an organization as the Grange should prove helpful. Yet it will remain for the general public to make the day what it ought to be, and this the people can be trusted to do.

At this Christmas time, with its many demands for home expenditures, the people will not forget the claims of the Red Cross, one of the most blessed organizations on the face of the earth. With its benevolent mission all are familiar and no offering, however small, that can be made for the furtherance of its work should be withheld.

The commander-in-chief of the Swiss army thinks the pope and the president of the United States could stop the war if they would. But he has got the thing wrong end to. What he should have said is that they would if they could.

The best wishes of the entire country go out to President Wilson and his bride! There are times when party preferences and differences of opinion on matters of public policy are laid aside, and this is one of them.

It is reported that Turkish rugs are being made in Ireland. Now if they would only label them "Made in Germany" what a complete and happy combination it would be.

## ATTEMPT TO MURDER BULGARIAN COMMANDER

(Special to The Herald) Sanjour General Todoroff, commander of the Bulgarian army in Southern Serbia was made by a Socialist soldier, who fired at the commander three times, says a dispatch from Plovdiv. The soldier was immediately executed.

## 'TOO LATE' TAGGED ON BRITISH

### Daily Mail Says That These Words Are Dogging the Asquith Government.

(Special to The Herald)

London, Dec. 21.—"Too late" is written in letters of fire upon the government record in this war," says the Daily Mail in a fresh attack upon the Asquith ministry today. In commenting on the speech of David Lloyd George, in parliament last night, the Daily Mail says "Too late in aiding Belgium, too late in saving Serbia, too late in the Dardanelles, too late with ammunition," these words have dogged the allies at every stage. As to the Dardanelles the Mail says, "The withdrawal may be taken as a sign that the government has at least realized the great blunder it undertook in this place."

## NAVY YARD NOTES

## Navy Will Investigate

It is reported that the offices of the U. S. S. Paducah will investigate the case where one of the crew, a chief boatswain's mate, was badly bitten by a dog in this city last week.

## On a Civilian Job

Private Earl Kimball of the marine guard who completed his term of enlistment on Monday went on duty with the civil force of workmen in the supply department today.

## Appointed Quartermaster

Alfred J. McCourt has been appointed quartermaster shipfitter in the Industrial Department as the result of a special examination held on November 19 to establish an eligible list. The position carries an increase of 56 cents per diem.

## Back From Haiti

Lieut. E. H. Morse, U. S. M. C., who has been with the guard at Haiti for several months, has returned to duty at the naval prison.

## New Wireless Chief

Chief Radio Electrician Benson from the U. S. S. Minnesota reported at the yard on Monday to assume charge of the radio station, succeeding Chief Baker.

## Bureau Approves It

The Bureau of Construction and Repair has approved of an allotment amounting to \$9,000 for installation of the new wireless quarters and radio equipment on the U. S. S. Tennessee.

## Mine Planter Not Coming

It has been decided not to send the Baltimore here with mines for the San Francisco, arrangements having been made for that vessel to take the mines aboard later at the New York yard.

## Putting Line Underground

The public works department is engaged in placing telephone wires for the use of ships at the flatiron pier under ground.

## KROONLAND SAFE IN RIO DE JANEIRO

## (Special to The Herald)

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The steamship Kroonland of the Panama-Pacific Company, which was reported ashore off the coast of South America, arrived at Rio de Janeiro, according to a message received by the Maritime Exchange this noon.

## ALLIED TROOPS OFF GREEK COAST

## (Special to The Herald)

London, Dec. 21.—Information from

## CURRENT OPINION

American Citizens of Jewish Faith Most Loyal of Patriots.

If ever there was a hyphenless citizen in this nation of immigrant origin that citizen is the Jew. And if any man ever loved his country passionately that man is the American citizen of Jewish faith, a love the intensity of which those only can fathom to its fullest depth who can understand what it means to leave a country where one is discriminated against, proscribed or restricted, where one's rights are either grudgingly given or wholly denied, and enter these blessed United States, where, as long as he obeys the laws of the land, and furthers its best interests, he may take his place alongside every other man and feel himself equal to the best.

May the Stars and Stripes continue to wave over a people brave and free over a people united in national brotherhood, no matter what the differences of race or creed or class or former nationality.

May peace continue to shelter us under its protecting wings, and silence every sinister influence that for the appearance of greed or hatred, would bring a curse upon our land.—By Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, Keneseth Israel Temple, Philadelphia.

# Christmas Presents WORTH WHILE

WHAT TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS HAS ALWAYS BEEN QUITE A PROBLEM. PEOPLE OF TODAY DESIRE USEFUL GIFTS. FOLLOWING ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

Women's Felt Slippers (3 colors) . . . . .	50c	Child's Storm King Rubber Boots . . . . .	\$1.75
Women's Crochet Slippers . . . . .	50c to \$1.00	Child's 3-Buckle Arctics . . . . .	\$1.50
Women's Fancy Moccasin . . . . .	\$1.25	Child's Gray Top Patent Button . . . . .	\$1.35 to \$1.75
Women's Comfy Slippers . . . . .	\$1.00 to \$1.25	Child's White Top Patent Button . . . . .	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Women's Black Jersey Leggins . . . . .	75c	Boys' Comfy Slippers . . . . .	\$1.00
Women's Fleece Lined Rubber Boots . . . . .	\$2.00	Boys' Moccasins . . . . .	\$1.00 to \$1.75
Women's 3-Buckle Arctics . . . . .	\$2.00 to \$2.50	Boys' Hi Cut Skating Shoes . . . . .	\$3.00
Misses' Comfy Slippers . . . . .	75c	Boys' Storm King Rubber Boots (black) . . . . .	\$2.50 to \$3
Misses' Fancy Moccasin . . . . .	\$1.00	Boys' Storm King Rubber Boots (brown) . . . . .	\$3.00 to \$4
Misses' Black Jersey Leggin . . . . .	50c	Boys' Canvas Army Leggins . . . . .	50c
Misses' Fleece Lined Rubber Boots . . . . .	\$1.75	Boys' Rubbers that will wear . . . . .	\$1.00
Misses' 3-Buckle Arctics . . . . .	\$1.75 to \$2.00	Men's Comfy Slippers . . . . .	\$1.25
Misses' Gray Top Patent Lace Shoes . . . . .	\$2.50	Men's Slippers (leather that wears well) . . . . .	\$1.25 to \$2.00
Child's Comfy Slippers . . . . .	65c	Men's Moccasins (with extra sole and heel) . . . . .	\$2 to \$2.50
Child's Fancy Moccasin . . . . .	\$1.00	Men's Elite-Ground Grippers . . . . .	\$4.50 to \$6.00
Child's Black Jersey Leggin . . . . .	50c	Men's Hi-Grade Rubbers (the best) . . . . .	\$1.00 to \$1.50

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## BOARD DISAGREES WITH SECRETARY

(Continued from Page One.)

## principal reliance of navies, as it has been in the past," says the report which points out that spectacular attacks by submarines have been given undue importance by many observers of the war in Europe.

"As in the case of submarines," the report continues, "so in the case of battle cruisers, the particular course of the present war does not justify the prevalent exaggerated idea of their importance."

The General Board therefore in its recommendations to Secretary Daniels for a continuous building program covering the next five years advocate the construction of ten dreadnaughts and six battle cruisers. Mr. Daniels' recent recommendations to Congress embrace the same number of dreadnaughts, battle cruisers, scouts and destroyers as the Board's report.

The General Board, however, recommends that work be commenced immediately upon the construction of four battleships and three battle cruisers on account of cramped conditions in shipyards throughout the country. Secretary Daniels decided that the first year's program should include only two battleships and two cruisers. Action to be taken on the ten year program has yet to be determined.

However, Mr. Daniels and his General Board are far from accord as to the number of submarines to be included in the five year program. Mr. Daniels asked for fifteen feet submarines where the Dewey board asked for only nine. The same disparity occurs in the recommendations of Daniels and his naval board as to coast submarines. Daniels asking Congress for \$5 while the Dewey board thinks fifty-eight enough.

For reserve ammunition, Secretary Daniels recommends an appropriation of \$25,000,000, more than twice the \$11,000,000 thought sufficient by the General Board. As to total expenditures for the five year program, the estimates are not far apart, Mr. Daniels' being about \$502,500,000 as against the General Board's estimate of \$500,000,000.

Taking up the lessons of the European war, the report says:

"The General Board believes that the course of the present war in Europe affords convincing reasons for modifying the opinion which it has expressed for the past eleven years as to the proper size of the navy. A navy in firm control of the seas from the outbreak of war is the prime essential to the defense of a country situated in the United States, bordering upon two great oceans, a navy strong enough only to defend our coasts from actual invasion will not suffice. Defense from invasion is not the only function of the navy. It must protect our seafaring commerce and drive that of the enemy from the sea. The best way to accomplish all of these objects is to find and defeat the hostile fleet or any of its detachments at a distance from our coast sufficiently great to prevent interruption of our normal course of national life."

"The current war has shown that a navy of the size recommended by this board in previous years can no longer be considered as adequate to the defensive needs of the United States. Our present navy is not sufficient to give due weight to the diplomatic remonstrances of the United States in peace nor to enforce its policies in war."

Pointing out that except for the loss of ships aggregating 650,000 tonnage under all flags, during the first eight months of the war the commerce of the Allies was uninterrupted by submarine

inc attacks, the report declares:

"The deeds of the submarines have been so spectacular that in default of engagements between the main fleets, undue weight has been attached to them."

In the opinion of the General Board the first high scores made by the submarine were obtained by surprise and not inherent combative superiority. The report continues:

"To hasty public opinion, it seemed that submarines were accomplishing great military results because little else of importance occurred in the maritime war to attract public attention. Yet at the present time, when the Allies have learned in great measure how to protect their commerce as they learned a few months previously to protect their navies from the submarine menace, it is apparent that the submarine is not an instrument fitted to dominate naval warfare."

"It appears from British returns that the first eight months of this submarine warfare against British commerce resulted in the loss of 153 merchant vessels and 175 trawlers. The total British merchant tonnage lost was not greatly in excess of one half a million; the total loss under all flags was about 650,000 tons. In the same time the total arrivals and departures in British ports averaged from 1,350 to 1,400 per week or nearly 60,000 in all. Allied commerce is continuing under a loss in no way vital. The submarine is a most useful auxiliary, whose importance will no doubt increase, but at present there is no evidence that it will become supreme."

Discussing the need of high speed vessels, the General Board's report has this to say concerning battle cruisers:

"The battle cruiser, also chiefly meant to secure information, nevertheless has a somewhat different role from that of the scout. In addition to high speed and endurance the battle cruiser has high offensive powers, so that if necessary she may fight for information and break through a hostile screen. Another important duty of the battle cruiser is to support the protective screen of lighter craft about her own fleet, which is formed to detect the approach of the enemy and guard the main body from surprise."

"The battle cruiser can do all that the scout can do and more, but her greater powers entail greater cost. If the financial question were not involved, all ships built to seek information would be of the battle cruiser type. By her size, speed and armament, the battle cruiser is well able to perform other combatant services than her primary one of offering security and information to the main body of battleships."

Paying advertising remains an active expense, which must be added to the price of the commodity, because it does not proportionately increase the sales—poor advertising increases, instead of decreases, the cost of production and selling! Consequently, it raises the cost of living. When advertising is run in media to which it is not suited, it is decidedly poor advertising, and it will not bring the necessary results."

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## CHASE GETS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Will Go to Oxford as the Representative of N. H.

Eugene Parker Chase, Dartmouth, 16, of New Britain, Conn., will be the New Hampshire Rhodes scholar at Oxford university next year. Mr. Chase was named at a meeting of the New Hampshire Rhodes scholarship board at Concord on Monday at a meeting held in the office of the state department of public instruction. He was the only candidate.

Although he is a resident of Concord the appointee has distinguished New Hampshire connections. His father was a Dartmouth graduate, and his great grandfather, Chauncy Chase, was the first Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire.

Superintendent Morrison said that the university reports that New Hampshire students who have gone to Oxford in the last nine years have usually won distinction there.

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Nichols' candy store window contains an attractive display of fancy box candies, just the thing for an Xmas gift.

The De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templar, will drink their annual toast to the Grand Master at noon Christmas day. The Loins quartet will furnish the musical end of the program.

The Universalists are getting the Christmas presents ready for the needy children. They have already many made up and could stand a few more toys and gifts of stockings and wooden gloves.

**PERSONALS**

George E. Grant of Dover was here today on business.

A. Salden of the White Store is in Boston today on business.

Vol. A. P. Howard left today on a business trip to New York.

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Mrs. A. C. Willey of Highland street is restricted to her residence by illness.

Mrs. J. Wallace Lear is passing a few days with friends in Boston and Beverly.

Norman Leonard Smith of Exeter, a student at Dartmouth, was a visitor here on Monday.

Mrs. John S. Young and daughters Gladys and Barbara of York Beach were visitors here on Tuesday.

Our well known citizen John Mooney of Prospect street is today observing another anniversary of his birth.

Mrs. Kenneth M. Norton of Everett, Mass., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Anderson of Wibird street.

George W. Weeks of Hill street has returned from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Ellen Clark of Chelsea, Mass.

Miss Lois Seybold of Simmons College is passing the holiday recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Seybold.

John S. Rand of State street was in Dover on Monday to attend the meeting of the Pascataqua Congregational Club.

John Cullinan of New Hampshire college is passing the Christmas vacation at his parents' home on Stark street.

Miss Mary C. Kelley of Simmons College has arrived home to pass the holiday season with her mother and sisters.

Miss Alice H. Griffin of Simmons college arrived home on Tuesday to pass the Christmas recess with her parents.

Mrs. John E. Small of Deer street attended the meeting of the Pascataqua Congregational Club held in Dover on Monday.

Principal Harlan P. Bisbee of the Robinson Seminary, Exeter, was the guest today of Sup't. of Schools James N. Irving.

James McGluehey of Portland, Me., formerly a resident of this city was here on Tuesday renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Frank Kennard of Eliot is to pass the winter in the South and is at present at the St. James hotel at Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. E. H. Burns and little daughter Barbara of Biddeford are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Horner of Lincoln avenue.

Col. William H. Carter of Salem, Mass., summer resident at Hampton Beach was here on Tuesday renewing old acquaintances.

The many friends of James H. Dow were pleased to see him out on Monday after being restricted to his home for the past two weeks.

Arnold Leavitt, a yeoman on the U.S. torpedo boat destroyer McDonnell, is enjoying a furlough which he is passing in this city.

Chief Master-at-arms M. J. Phelan of the U. S. S. Souther left Tuesday morning to pass the holiday season at his home in Worcester, Mass.

Albert M. Bragdon of York returned Tuesday morning from Portland, Me., where he attended the meeting of the Maine Automobile Association.

Herman Pettigrew, William Shuttleworth, Phillips B. Badger and Joseph E. Frisbee of New Hampshire college are home for the holiday recess.

Mrs. Charles A. Badger and Mrs. Joseph Schurman were in Dover on Monday to attend the meeting of the Pascataqua Congregational Club.

John William Hill of Portland, Me., a student at Dartmouth, who has been passing a few days with Chester L. Condon returned to his home on Monday.

Miss Marion T. Craig of Simmons College has arrived home to pass the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Craig of Lowell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis H. Whittier of Hampton were visitors here on Tuesday. Mr. Whittier for many years conducted Hotel Whittier and is well known to many of our citizens.

A cable received yesterday from Mr. Harry N. Harding, stated that he would sail Wednesday on the steamer Rotterdam. Mr. Harding has been in England and France since last February.

The condition of Charles Patchelder of North Hampton who was badly wounded in the back by the accidental discharge of his rifle, continues to improve and it is expected that he will be able to leave the Portsmouth hospital the latter part of the week.

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**Austro-German Forces Thought to be Insufficient For Its Reduction.--Italians Report Steady Progress in East and West**

London, Dec. 20.—"Unless Bulgarian or Turkish troops are employed, which is considered unlikely, there can be no enemy advance on the Entente line in Greece," says the Morning Post's Athens correspondent. "Allied air reconnaissances have discovered no German forces south of Uskup, where five German regiments are located, and only German engineers are busily engaged in repairing railway bridges destroyed by the Allies. It may be assumed, therefore, that the Allies have plenty of time to prepare the defenses at Salonica. Confidence is expressed in official circles here that as a result of the negotiations with the Greek ministers in the European capitals the integrity of Greek territory already has been guaranteed by both European war groups."

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Salonica says: "The Germans have asked the Turks to assist them to drive the Entente Allies out of Salonica, but they require assurances that they will evacuate Greek territory as soon as the Allied army is crushed, and thrown into the sea. It is understood that Turkey has accepted the proposal."

**Greece Would Oppose Turks**  
A despatch to the Paris Temps from Athens says: "The Central Powers, it is said, gave the Greek Government assurances that Bulgarian troops would not participate in the event of any action against the Entente Allies on

Greek territory, but that there is a question of an attack by the Austro-Germans with the aid of Turks. The participation of Turks in any operation on Greek soil would be strongly objected to by the Government, notwithstanding assurances that the territory occupied would be evacuated after the war. Calis Bey, the Turkish minister, conferred at length with Premier Skouhouli yesterday."

## Take Austrian Trench

Rome, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued:

"Despite the fact that stormy weather—snow on the mountains and rain and fog on the plains—is hampering our operations, the activity of our troops has not been relaxed. On the northern slopes of Monte San Michele our infantry detachments surrounded a hostile trench position which made a salient in our lines and captured it in a surprise attack. We took 115 prisoners, including two officers."

## 500,000 Serb Refugees.

London, Dec. 20.—"A half million refugees fled from Serbia," says the Times' Salonica correspondent, "preferring the horrible alternative of a winter flight into snow-covered mountains to submission to the Germans. Little has been learned of their fate, but it is only too likely that many thousands perished of cold or starvation or were devoured by wolves."

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Bulgarian armies swept over old Serbia most of the Serbian males not of fighting age took themselves to the roads, while the women and children remained in their homes. Some 750,000 refugees thus assembled on the plain of Kosovo on the way to Albania and Montenegro. Of these a quarter of a million were persuaded to accept the authority of the Austro-Germans; the others fled. Persons who saw the refugees entering the Albanian and Montenegro passes state that they were then subsisting chiefly upon the flesh of dead animals. The mountains of Montenegro being devoid of trees, it was almost impossible for them to make fires. If ever their suffering is told the story will surpass in horror that of the Napoleonic retreat from Moscow. Ten thousand refugees who reached the province of Salonica are being well cared for by the British relief and the American sanitary commissions. Many of them are employed digging trenches for the Allies around Salonica.

## Must Hasten to Save the Serbs

"Released Austrian prisoners of war to the number of 1,000 are without shelter and food in Albania, as are the inhabitants of that country," said Dr. Edward Stuart of Boston, to The Associated Press today. Dr. Stuart is a member of the American Sanitary Commission which left Salonica last month after completing a campaign against typhus and which has been recalled to this city to take up Serbian relief work. He added: "Conditions among the refugees here are bad enough, but tens of thousands of non-combatants remain in war-devastated Serbia must be infinitely worse. Their fate during the bitter winter already begun probably will exceed all the sufferings endured by the Belgians, because the Serbs are so inaccessible to relief. Americans are most willing to help and their success depends upon the promptness with which facilities are granted by the Austro-Hungarians and Bulgarians for northwestern Serbia, by the Bulgarians for Albania and by the Greeks for southern Serbia. This question of speed may save hundreds of lives."

Dr. Stuart, after a fortnight's inquiry, finally has received news of the safety of Dr. Charles E. Fox of Baltimore, and Dr. Stanley R. Osborne of Peabody, Mass., who remained at Uskup after that town had been captured by the Bulgarians.

**Serb Government May Go to Rome**  
Persistent reports are in circulation that King Peter of Serbia is to take up his temporary residence in Rome and that the Serbian Government and parliament are about to be transferred to this city. There is no official confirmation of this, however.

Recent despatches from Italy, by the way of Paris, reported that King Peter had accepted an offer from the Italian government of the Palace at Caserta, near Naples, for his own use.

## MADE THE PROPER ENTRY

**Fire Department Called Out for Sunrice at Oldtown, Me.**

Oldtown, Me., Dec. 29.—Early this morning the firemen of the Stillwater district were turned out for the city apparatus hooked up for an alarm pulled in by an excited citizen who thought he saw a big blaze in the direction of the University of Maine.

After a run of nearly a mile, the firemen discovered that the supposed blaze was the rising sun shining through a slight smoke from a brush fire.

The district chief ordered his men back and the crew made the entry. Dec. 29, Box 7, 7:35 a. m., location of fire, the sun; no water used!

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BUSY

**Will Take Up Grafton County Cases that Have Long Been on the Docket**

Concord, Dec. 29.—The public service commission tomorrow will take up the Grafton county case, which has been handled back and forth between the commission and the supreme court since 1912.

The question at issue is the terms

## WHAT'S THE REASON?

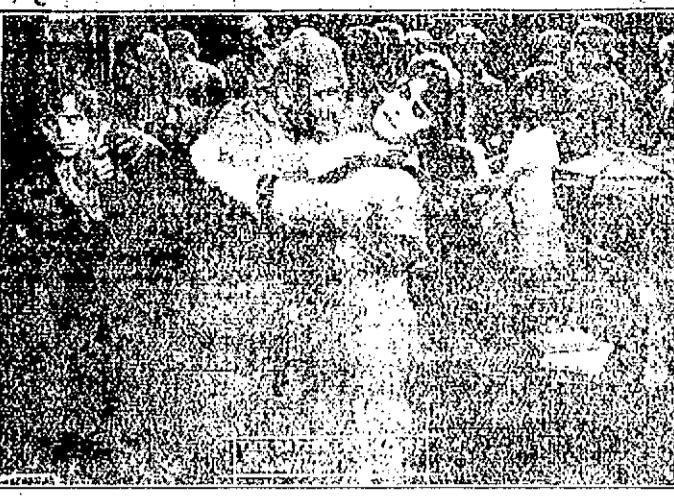
**Many Portsmouth People in Poor Health Without Knowing the Cause.**

There are scores of people who drag on a miserable existence without realizing the cause of their suffering. Day after day they are racked with backache and headache; suffer from nervousness, dizziness, weakness, languor and depression. Perhaps the idleness have fallen behind in their work of filtering the blood and that may be the root of the trouble. Look to your kidneys, assist them in their work—give them the help they need. You can use no more highly recommended remedy than Don'ts Kidney Pills endorsed by people all over the country and by your neighbors in Portsmouth.

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# THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE"



"The Battle Cry of Peace," a painting of spectators watching a battle, was housed high in the air once, twice and again.

The Concord Island scene is shown before the declaration of war when everything is peace in the homes of the Britons and the Vandegriffs. In particular peace reigns in the home of the Vandegriffs for the head of that family is an advocate of internationalism. An any time, film on the dark John Harrison, who loves Virginia Vandegriff, is an advocate of pacifism, but his words are little heard and the dry day comes when there are no bob scenes on the first part of the evening papers, but only war in Cheltenham type of about 200 words.

The announcement of the breaking of the truce is made in salvo sheet which has been the greatest bomb in the life of the German armies ever since the war began, and we are inclined to doubt the authenticity of the report until a shell came in the window of Harmony Hall and broke up a peace meeting. Shells came fast, then, bombs, too. Down go houses, sheds, bridges and all in the face of the devastating fire. The guns of the harbor forts are shown in action, but they are outrun by the fleet of the enemy and the army of England lands in New York.

With the fore coming the "Informer" John Harrison and Mr. Vandegriff, the peace advocate are shot. Harrison's son subsequently recovers in miraculous fashion only to die of a bayonet thrust. Virginia Vandegriff shoots the enemy again and in the most horrible scene of all Mrs. Vandegriff kills her two dethetics to save them from drunken soldiers. The shooting of the little girl by her mother is quite the most horrific thing we have ever seen on stage or screen. The agony is piled on in a fearful fashion, but if the success of the campaign for preparation rests upon scaring people into a realization of the need for defense we can stand any horrors pictured for a good cause. Preparation may keep our horrors on the

and the purchase of the Masconia Electric Light and Gas Company and the Lebanon Light and Power Company, the commission in the previous hearings having found the capitalization of \$300,000 excessive.

The commissioners were in Lebanon today, viewing the properties under consideration and their engineering expert, Robert M. Feustal, who has made an extensive examination of the plants will be on hand tomorrow to testify as will Hollis French of Boston, the company's engineer, General Frank S. Streeter and Thomas W. Streeter, the latter being the promoter of the consolidation, will appear for the petitioners, and Louis E. Wyman of Manchester is the special counsel for the commission.

The first move before the commission was made on September 17, 1912, when the Grafton county commissioners filed a petition with the commission to purchase the Masconia and Lebanon companies for \$300,000. After hearings on October 7, 1912, January 23 and July 29, 1913 and February 3, 1914, the commission denied the petitions.

## MAINE SCHOONER WRECKED

**Tarratine Ashore at San Domingo May Be Total Loss.**

Hopeland, Me., Dec. 29.—The three-masted schooner Tarratine, launched two years ago by J. L. Shaw & Co., is ashore near Magorio, San Domingo, and probably has total loss, according to a telegram received here today from Capt. Anson B. Orthonouse, commander of the craft.

The Tarratine was bound from New York for Magorio with a deckload of salt cars and general cargo in the hold. No particulars were given in the cablegram except that the crew were saved.

The schooner cost \$3,000, and was owned principally by the builders, who had only partial insurance.

Capt. Orthonouse, who had sailed years without insurance on his interest, yielded to friends and insured his part before the vessel left New York.

## PENSION BILLS BY HOLLIS

Senator Hollis introduced a bill in the recent Legislature for the relief of John Clark, which was referred to the committee on military affairs. He has also introduced bills for pension increase in behalf of True W. Levering and William O. White,

now compelled to go into the open market.

Predictions are made by the soft coal dealers that the situation will become worse and that before the winter is over it will be practically impossible to obtain soft coal at any price.

They predict that the congestion in freight, the shortage of labor at the mines and the shortage of cars because of their use for export freight will be followed on April 1 by the greatest coal strike in the history of the trade. New York and New England depend largely on water transportation for soft coal and this cannot be had.

The demand for coal barges is so great that coal dealers are offering \$20 to \$25 a day for barges which they are usually charged only \$5 to \$8.

## NOTICE.

The Portsmouth Savings Bank issued to the public on Sept. 15, 1914, a savings bank book No. 20577, which said book has lost. I desire a duplicate book that said bank, and herewith publish notice of the loss of said book, as provided by Chapter 35, Public Acts and Resolves of the State of New Hampshire, part of January Session, 1905.

MARY A. KELLY,  
Dec. 20, 1915. H. 221-28, J.

## DARTMOUTH DANCE.

Dartmouth-Portsmouth Club dance in Freeman's hall, Dec. 28. Tickets \$1.00 a couple. Gallery, 25c. Patrons: Mr. and Mrs. James N. Pringle and Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Pease, dancing from 8 to 1 o'clock.

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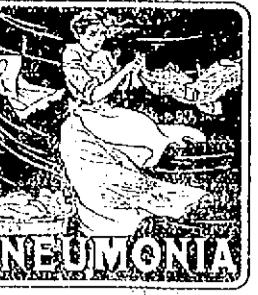
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7,175,828.24	1,364,500.41
9,024,657.92	1,705,731.80
10,350,078.00	1,725,713.78

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## MUCH BUILDING OF BIG VESSELS

NEVER SO MUCH TONNAGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, SAYS THE COMMISSIONER OF NAVIGATION.

Washington, Dec. 20.—American shipyards have under construction more vessels than ever before were building in the United States to add to an American merchant marine whose tonnage already is the largest in the country's history, says a report issued by the Commissioner of Navigation. Ninety-eight merchant vessels of more than 3000 tonnage are being built or are under contract. These, with many small vessels being constructed, have a total tonnage of 761,511. The total tonnage of ships under the American flag, numbering 26,888, Dec. 1, was 8,441,258, a net gain of more than fifty thousand tons since July 1. There was a net gain of 187 ships, despite 272 vessels lost, abandoned and sold to aliens. Twenty-three came under the American flag from foreign registry and 436 were completed in shipyards. Altogether 171 foreign vessels have taken American registry under the act of Aug. 11, 1914. Ninety-eight American vessels have been transferred to foreign registry since August. Many big vessels are being built. Thirteen mentioned in the report are of more than 10,000 tons. Twenty are of tonnage between 7000 and 10,000, and 36 are of from 5000 to

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District of New Hampshire.

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United States of America for the benefit of L. Wolff Manufacturing Co. and others v. Niel Construction Company, The Title Guaranty and Surety Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

Order of Court for Notice, December 2, 1915

Ordered, that the said L. Wolff Manufacturing Company give personal notice of the pendency of the above entitled suit upon a bond for the construction of a certain public work, to wit, three sets of hospital buildings at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Chelsea, Massachusetts, and Newport, Rhode Island, respectively, and notice of their right to intervene therein by mailing forthwith to all known creditors a copy of this order, and by publishing an attested copy thereof in the Portsmouth Herald, newspaper published in the City of Portsmouth, in the District of New Hampshire, once a week for three successive weeks, beginning December 7, 1915. By the Court:

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MISS DESEINN GOING BACK TO OPERA, KISSES MR. SOUSA

Miss Emmy Destinn, prima donna soprano sang at the weekly concert at the Hippodrome last Sunday night to the accompaniment of Sousa and his band. Twice her name appeared on the program and between her solos a messenger arrived from the Metropolitan Opera House with a message which concerned her.

She has not been singing at the Metropolitan this season but has been devoting her time to concert work. When the singer appeared on the platform for the second solo, she was accompanied by William Stewart of the Hippodrome Company, and before she had time to sing, he announced that she had been engaged again at the Metropolitan for the remainder of this season and part of next and was to appear there on next Monday, as Elsa in "Loehengrin." The audience applauded loudly at the news and there were shouts of speech! speech!

Miss Destinn seemed to be quite happy at the announcement, but she is a singer and not a public speaker, so she threw up her hands at the suggestion. However, the audience continued to applaud and she had to do something, so she went to the conductor's stand where Mr. Sousa was standing, baton in hand. She shook his hand, and then before he could move, she kissed him. In the disturbance Mr. Sousa dropped his glasses, but he soon recovered them and his equilibrium, and when the applause ended he was ready to conduct his band through the airs "Don't Tell 'all Rosee' from 'Il Trovatore.'

Miss Destinn was in the best of voice. She had thrilling high tones and beautiful low ones and she sang with fervor and finesse.

The band was heard in several popular selections and Miss Helen DeWitt Jacobs played a violin solo. In the intermission the Mexican band was heard.

TO STUDY TRADE CONDITIONS AT HIGH SCHOOLS

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Via Panama Canal, \$60.00 and up, including meals and berth. Agency for Transatlantic lines, New York, \$3.92; Merchants & Miners, Southern Pacific, Savannah, and all other steamer lines. Information at Kearsarge Hotel, or B. & M. Station. K. L. FOLLANSBEE

BOARD NAMED

Bishop Parker of the Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire has named the members of his new Diocesan Board of Religious Education as follows: Rev. John A. Chapin, Dover; Rev. Lorin Webster, Holderness; Rev. Victor M. Haughton, Exeter; Rev. George R. Hazard, Manchester and Frank W. Teague, Concord. The bishop will be the chairman and the Rev. J. A. Chapin, executive secretary.

CHEAPEST ACCIDENT INSURANCE—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. For burns,

# KID GLOVES

## For Christmas Gifts

Our large stock of the best makes in Kid Gloves will enable satisfactory exchange in sizes after Christmas.

# THE D. F. BORTHWICK STORE HANDKERCHIEFS

## For Holiday Gifts

Initial Handkerchiefs for Ladies and Men.

Embroidered Linen and Lace Edge Handkerchiefs.

Also Children's Embroidered and Printed Handkerchiefs.

# LOCAL DASHES

Try Harmon's Tomato Sausages.  
Fish of all kinds at Clark's Branch.

Tel. 133.

Four days remain to complete your Christmas shopping.

Ladies' Suits, latest styles, marked down at Geo. B. French Co. Tel. 20.

Lobsters and sea of all kinds caught by our own boats, fresh every day. Tel. Jameson and Sons. Tel. 246.

The usual fine assortment of toys will be found in the George B. French Co.'s basement.

The Herald delivers the news while it is news.

Upholstering; hair mattresses renovated. Margeson Bros. Tel. 570.

We make special prices to churches for their ice cream and candy for the Xmas tree. Paras Bros., Tel. 29.

The Portsmouth theatre opens tomorrow afternoon with the great play-to-drama "The Battle Cry of Peace."

Nuts, raisins, dates and figs for the Xmas dinner at Paras Brothers, Tel. 29.

The ambulance was out on Tuesday morning to convey a woman from Elliot to the Portsmouth hospital.

Place your order for your Xmas ice cream early with Nichols and avoid disappointment. Tel. 142-W.

Sneak thieves have been busy the past week and several cottages at Wallis Sands have been entered and ransacked.

The last episode of "Neal of the Navy" will be shown at the Colonial Theatre for the last time in this city this evening.

Place your order for your Christmas ice cream, nine varieties. Paras Bros., Congress street, Tel. 29.

Strangers within our gates remark that the attractive appearance of Portsmouth's stores donates a city of general prosperity.

Order your ice cream early of Paras Brothers and avoid disappointment. Tel. 29.

Damon Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., meets this evening at which time nominations for officers will be made and other important business transacted.

Our line of fancy box candy for Christmas gifts is not equalled in the city. Paras Bros., Congress street, Tel. 29.

The committee in charge of the New Year celebration will meet this evening and things should move along at a lively pace with their efforts to make it bigger and better than that of last year.

Edward J. Parsley of Concord, formerly of this city, has a story in the current number of the Granite Monthly, entitled "The Taxi With the Blue Door."

Our assortment of broken candy for the Christmas tree is very large. We make special prices to churches and Sunday school, Nichols', Tel. 142-W.

On Monday afternoon the business section of the city presented very lively appearance, the Christmas shoppers being out in good numbers. No city of its size in New England has better or more attractive stores than Portsmouth and the quality and variety of goods is not equalled by many of the larger cities.

The attractive display of fancy box candies in the windows of the Dore Confectionery store is the talk of the town. Nothing better to give as an Xmas present to a friend or relative. Don't fail to inspect them before purchasing.

The Eight-Cylinder Cadillac is so smooth, so quiet, so flexible and so easily handled that you relax into forgetfulness of the means by which you are carried along. It will not be necessary in a demonstration for the fine points in the Eight-Cylinder Cadillac to be pointed out to you. They will force themselves upon you before you have ridden a mile.

Would you, Mr. Business Man, like a Pierce-Arrow truck at a small cost? It can be converted into a truck at small expense, a real bargain. I have two second-hand cars in first-class condition, must be moved at once. For price and inspection call. Need room for new cars. Prices ranging from \$150 to \$650. Arthur W. Horton, Sinclair Garage.

The George B. French Co. store will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week and not on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

# \$60,000 FOR XMAS CLUB

## Local Bank Distributes Big Amount for Holiday Trade.

The Christmas trade for the local merchants certainly took a boom when the Christmas savings were released to the several hundred depositors at the Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Company. Approximately \$60,000 was distributed by the local banking institution as the savings of 1915. Nearly every dollar of this reaches the business houses of Portsmouth in one way or another. This holiday fund has made a wonderful increase since it was established by the bank, which has distributed during the past three years the sum of \$140,000.

The first year the depositors received \$39,000; the second year it jumped to \$50,000 and this year it reached \$60,000.

The local bank was one of the first in New England to take up this plan of Christmas savings and has been one of the most successful of any in the undertaking. The savings for 1916 will begin on December 27.

# THE HERALD HEARS

That the committee on the New Year celebration will talk it over tonight.

That the trio in the "Piano Movers" act at the Colonial Theatre are certainly some stars in vaudeville.

That it is the best act seen in Portsmouth for many days.

That only one man appeared at the may yard with a picture of himself, during the short time the rule was in operation.

That the officers of the navy were satisfied that the civil service board could never make a go of such an order.

That a laborer has enough of red tape on his hands now in getting a job on the navy yard without having a picture of himself.

That it has been but few working days since it was installed.

That the Boston Post Santa Claus fund has received many donations from the small towns throughout New Hampshire.

That Captain Lindsey of the steamer Queen City knows a thing or two about fire fighting.

That we would probably have just as much bad luck in the world if the black cat was never born.

That a lady from this city recently made a shopping tour in many of the big stores of Boston.

That she had with her two small boys whom she brought along to see Santa Claus and the toy department of the Hub.

That she was never so busy in her life before.

That one of the tiddies helped himself to about everything that looked good to him.

That if she brought home all that the kids picked out from the display counters it would require a freight car for transportation.

That so much black now seen in neckties is said to be due to the scarcity of dyes.

That the Choo-Chew club are to hold an important meeting this week.

That the question of hiring union or non-union labor by the business manager of the club will be up for discussion.

That it is understood that the Dean of the club will employ none but union men when he establishes his armor plate fire boat manufacture.

That the Christmas tree festival of the Hardwood Club will outdo any of their previous efforts in this line.

That the hotel chef who was to grow whiskers for two years, on a political bet, appeared today with a smooth map.

That the boys say he must have hooked up a safety razor during his sleep.

That he claims that the slugs he did

# PORSCHE THEATRE

MUSICAL HALL

F. W. HARTFORD, Manager.

"The People's Popular Playhouse"

Four Days, Dec. 22-23-24-25



The greatest film drama of today.

"A Call to Arms against War" vividly illustrating what real war with the U. S. would be.

Direct from a long run at the Majestic Theatre, Boston.

30,000 soldiers, 17 aeroplanes and seaplanes, submarines, dreadnaughts, machine guns, field artillery, etc.

Twice daily, 2nd & 8 p.m.

Prices: Matines 25c; Children 10c.

Evening: 25c, 35c and 50c.

COMING: Portsmouth's old time favorit Jere McAllister and his big Musical Revue.

not disappear by any act of his own hand.

That he may have rubbed up against an emery wheel somewhere.

That the District Nursing Association of Dover is to have a Christmas tree for poor children.

That a Rochester bank distributed \$30,000 as the amount of Christmas savings.

That many a boy is not raised to be a soldier but he turns out to be a fine soldier.

That the boys who attended Jack's birthday party hope he will come across with a Christmas tree.

# COLONIAL THEATRE

Home of Refined Vaudeville.

Safety and Quality First.

## "THE THEATRE BEAUTIFUL"

The Colonial is the first house outside of Keith's "Big Time" theatres that

McDevitt, Kelley and Lucy have

appeared for five years, having heretofore

appeared on the boards in the large cities. Their act, "The Piano Movers and the Actress," is one continual roar.

George Hall, comedian, is another "big

act" as is Edwards and Hardee.

Three big acts for the biggest week in

the year.

Pictures for Monday and Tuesday

"Neal of the Navy"—last episode.

"The Painted Lady," biograph drama

"Sonny Jim and the Family Party,"

Vitagraph Comedy.

"Ganimated Nooz Pictorial," Essanay Cartoon.

Vaudeville for Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday.

McDevitt, Kelley and Lucy in the

comedy sketch, "The Piano Movers and

the Actress."

George Hall, comedian "Just to Amuse U Between the Acts."

Edwards and Hardee, colored comedy

sketch artists.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Figured satin pillows, assorted colors, \$1.25 each. The Arthur E. Richardson Co., N. H. Natl. Bank Bldg.

## HOME MADE RIBBON CANDY

With more flavors in two pound boxes, 25c. Paras Bros., Congress Street. Tel. 29.

## 1916—CHRISTMAS CLUB—1916

Christmas Club members have money when they need it.

The new club for 1916 will start on December 27.

Everybody is welcome to join.

# PORSCHE TRUST & GUARANTEE CO.

New Hampshire Bank Building.

# PIANO MOVERS SCORED HIGH AT COLONIAL

## CLEVER MUSICAL COMEDIANS HEADING FINE BILL FOR FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE WEEK

For real comedy, "The Piano Movers" playing at the Colonial Theatre

are putting up the best brand that the theatre patrons in Portsmouth have

had a chance to see. The theatre last

evening was crowded and the act

brought out more laughs than a dozen

so called comedy acts have produced in

months. The piano moving part of the

turn was the least important, but if

there had been nothing else to it, it

would have been admitted as a mighty

fine comedy act. Add to their funny

opening, a lot of clever work at the

piano and more clever comedy dancing,

the act was just a scream from start to

finish. McDevitt, Kelley and Lucy de-

served every bit of applause they re-

ceived and they received a whole lot.

George Hall had a lot of clever com-

edy in his act, his newspaper dis-

patches giving war news that never

happened, being especially good. His

work was original and bright, one of

the best of the single acts playing here

for some time.

Edwards and Hardee presented an

amusing comedy singing and dancing

act, with considerable musical merit

and some of the best eccentric dancing

offered on the local boards. The imitation of the moving train was espe-

cially clever.